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1. On 7 January 1952, the barracks installation on the north side of Berliner Strasse, Prenzlau (N 54/3 14), was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia and a few with artillery insignia. JS tanks and 6 canvas-covered T-34 tanks were seen standing in the barracks yard.

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2. On 7 January, the barracks installation on the south side of Berliner Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Weapons observed in the barracks yard included 4 x 80-mm mortars, 8 canvas-covered 75-mm artillery pieces and 4 x 37-mm AA guns. Crews of 7 men each were drilling with two of these AA guns under the supervision of two officers.

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3. On 10 January, the barracks installation on the north side of Berliner Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops with red-bordered black epaulets. Four units of about 80 men each were engaged in parade drill in the barracks yard. A brass band of about 16 pieces played. The drill was witnessed by about 10 officers and another 80 men. Fifteen soldiers received tactical instruction by an officer standing at a blackboard in front of the building. The barracks installation on the south side of Berliner Strasse was also occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. An armored reconnaissance car with 2 officers and 3 men standing beside it was seen in front of a shed.

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4. On 15 December 1951 and 5 January 1952, determined that there had been a considerable turnover in officer personnel. Many of the officers whom source knew from the Templin troop training grounds had allegedly been discharged. New officers had arrived from the U.S.S.R. *

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* Comment. The information supports previous conclusions regarding the units in the two barracks installations at Prenzlau, confirms the 175th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div up to 5 January 1952 and is indicative of an unidentified artillery unit. []

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[] The mortars mentioned in the present report are believed to have been 120-mm mortars belonging to the unidentified mortar regiment of the 25th Tank Div. All trucks mentioned in the report belong to the 25th Tank Div.

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